

on the basis of information and evidence available to it, establish the district percentages to be used in computing exemptions to growers.

(d) The Control Committee shall give prompt notice to growers and handlers of the final percentages to be used in computing exemptions to growers.

(e) Any action taken by an exemption committee shall be approved by four affirmative votes, and each such committee shall keep accurate minutes and records of the proceedings of each of its meetings. A copy of such minutes and records shall be forwarded to the secretary of the Control Committee promptly after each meeting.

§ 927.110a Application for exemption certification.

Each application for an exemption certificate authorizing the shipment (pursuant to § 927.54) during a particular marketing season of any variety of pears shall be filed with the Secretary of the Control Committee. At the same time, and in order to insure prompt handling of such application, the applicant shall mail or deliver a copy of the application to the chairman of the exemption committee in the district in which the pears are grown. The application should be filed at the time the pears are harvested, and must be filed prior to the time the applicant's crop is graded, sized, and packed. Each application duly mailed and received by the Secretary of the Control Committee shall be deemed to have been filed with the Secretary as of the date of such mailing. As a part, and in support, of the application for an exemption certificate, the applicant shall submit one or more inspection certificates (or copies thereof) issued by a duly authorized representative of the Federal-State Inspection Service indicating the percentage of such applicant's production of all pears of such variety which will meet the grade, size, and quality regulations in effect and the percentage which will not meet these regulations; and the volume of pears so inspected shall be representative of such applicant's total production of such variety. The said exemption committee shall have the right to make or cause to be made such additional investigation as may be nec-

essary to determine whether the portion of the applicant's production covered by the inspection certificates adequately represents the applicant's total production of such variety. The cost of such inspection shall be borne by the applicant. The application to be submitted shall be "Form E-1 Growers Application for Exemption Certificate" and shall contain the following information:

(a) The name and address of the applicant;

(b) The location of the orchard (by district and distance from the nearest town) from which the fruit is to be shipped pursuant to the exemption certificate;

(c) The number and age of the trees producing the particular variety for which exemption is requested;

(d) The estimated quantity of such variety which could be shipped by the applicant in the absence of the grade, size, or quality regulations in effect at the time the application is filed;

(e) The percentage of such variety, as set forth in the attached Federal-State inspection certificate or the weighted average of such percentages if there is more than one inspection certificate, which meets the requirements of the aforesaid effective grade, size, or quality regulations;

(f) The quantity of such variety which meets the requirements of the aforesaid effective grade, size, or quality regulations (such quantity shall be determined by applying the applicable percentage prescribed in paragraph (e) of this section to be the estimated quantity pursuant to paragraph (d) of this section);

(g) The total crop of such variety and the quantity shipped during the preceding marketing season;

(h) The names of the shippers who shipped all or any portion of the applicant's aforesaid crop during the preceding marketing season;

(i) The reasons why the quantity of the particular variety of pears, for which exemption is requested, does not meet the aforesaid effective grade, size, or quality regulations; and

(j) The name of the shipper or shippers who will ship the exempted pears if the exemption certificate is issued.